

AKO VISION

Transform the Army Portal into a Department of Defense Portal that enhances collaboration efforts by enabling services to organize and share information and be strategically responsive and dominant at every point in the spectrum of defense operations.

WHAT AKO OFFERS

- Universal Directory Services
 - One Email for Life
 - Single Sign-On
 - Army White Pages
 - Group Server
- Portal Technologies
 - Virtual Teams
 - Communities of Interest
 - Organizational Communities
 - Knowledge Networks
 - Structured Professional Forums
 - Web Services
 - Self-Service Applications
 - Files Collaboration Center
- Collaboration Technologies
 - Email and Threaded Discussion
 - Instant Messaging
 - Chat
- Army Library Services
- News Channels
- 24 x 7 Help Desk



AKO MISSION

Provide world-wide, full-time premier enterprise Web portal functions, tools and services to the warfighter, institution and greater Army community, securely and reliably.



HELP DESK NUMBERS

NIPRNet

Help@us.army.mil

DSN: 654-3791

Toll Free: 1-877-256-8737

SIPRNet

AKOS.help@us.army.smil.mil

DSN: 654-3713

Toll Free: 1-866-853-3753



ONE ARMY -- ONE PORTAL



SERVING AMERICA'S ARMY AT WAR



WHO'S USING AKO



"Our AKO website has been a great resource for the Family Readiness Groups in our Battalion. All of our family members know that whatever is happening in the community or the Battalion can be found on the website as an additional resource for information."

Bethany Wasden

Family Readiness Support Asst., 1AD



"Just an update, we are providing direct support to Iraq using AKO as our baseline for communication. We have been doing this for a month now and have provided the coalition J-2 with translation support that has been very valuable to them. With the use of AKO and AKO-S we are capturing linguists across the country for virtual support."

Dennis F. Johnson

Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, HQDA



"I routinely put out a message to the Engineer Regiment. I still can't target everyone that needs to get the message. Please help me establish groups that will enable me to better communicate with them." (Over 20 different groups were created, ranging from Active Army Engineer Enlisted with rank of SSG and SGT whose branch is 21 to Reserve/ Guard Engineer Officers with rank of 1LT and 2LT.)
"AKO is the greatest thing since sliced bread! Thanks for your help. This is going to be awesome."

SGM William Arthur
Office, Chief of Engineers

HOW THE ARMY USES AKO

- **Organizational Sites & Knowledge Networks**
 - Offer unparalleled flexibility
 - Enable Army organizations of all sizes to communicate and collaborate securely and effectively
 - Allow AKO administrators to configure for an entire AKO user population or restrict information to specific groups
 - Can be customized with user-defined colors and logos
- **Communities Of Practice**
 - Provide areas where "like minded" or "like tasked" people can collaborate about an area of interest
 - Cut across the normal hierarchical structure of the Army
- **Teams/Sites**
 - Can be created by small Army groups, such as teams or working groups, to enable coordination and communication among a small, restricted group of users
 - Offer a variety of tools, including document collaboration and calendaring
 - Allow users to manage a variety of activities from a secure, centralized location
- **Authoritative MEDPROS Data**
 - Allows Soldiers to view their deployment/medical readiness status
 - Displays detailed information about required immunizations, needed physicals, date of last HIV test, date of last DNA sample, and dental-readiness status

WHAT'S NEW AT AKO

- **SIPRNet Upgrade**
 - Version 3 allows Soldiers access to the rich feature set of AKO in a secret environment
 - Enables users to apply group and role-based security to AKO-S documents, discussions and sites
 - Allows creation of subordinate pages
- **Self-Service Features**
 - Include "My Readiness", "My Security" and Advanced Language Training under "My Education" and "My Training"
- **Improved Navigation**
 - Makes the search options –sites, files, DA Pubs & Forms and People – available in the left navigation bar
 - Includes a site map tab to enable users to quickly browse organization sites, online communities and virtual teams

WHAT'S COMING TO AKO

- **E-mail Upgrade to Sun Java Enterprise Service (JES4)**
 - Offers many of the "Outlook"-type features
 - Includes calendaring; task management; common address book for mail and calendar; shared folders; and the ability to send and read signed e-mail
- **AKO Forward**
 - Pushes secure, validated Army data and services to the Soldier in forward deployed sites
 - Increases speed of delivery
 - Reduces need to purchase, deploy, man and sustain collaboration services
 - Reduces total information technology expense for the Army